

**LOS ANGELES REGION
CONTAMINATED SEDIMENT TASK FORCE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 12, 2009**

INTRODUCTION: The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), as part of the Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project, have prepared a Contaminated Sediment Management Plan (CSMP), Addendum 2, to address management of sediments determined unsuitable for open water disposal as part of the Channel Deepening Additional Disposal Capacity Project. This memo serves to document conclusion and consensus of the CSTF Advisory Committee regarding the CSMP. A list of meeting attendees is included in Attachment No. 1.

BACKGROUND: The Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project is a Federal deep draft navigation improvement project authorized by the Congress as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. The project commenced construction in 2002. As part of the initial construction, a CSMP (January 2002) was prepared to address creation of a Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) at the SouthWest Slip Fill site. Dredge material management and monitoring requirements were addressed in the CSMP. The CSMP was concurred with by the CSTF Advisory Committee prior to project initiation.

In 2003, the USACE and POLA identified the need for removal of contaminated sediments at Berths 44-60. The CDF at the SouthWest Slip was determined to have capacity for the dredge material. In May 2003, Channel Deepening Project CSMP Addendum 1 was coordinated with the CSFT Advisory Committee with concurrence prior to initiation of the work.

All work to date has been completed in conformance with water quality monitoring and reporting requirements identified in the CSMP's.

DISCUSSION: Construction progress to date has indicated a need for additional disposal capacity to complete the navigation improvements of the authorized project. The USACE and POLA have prepared a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Supplemental Impact Report (FSEIS/SEIR), April 2009, for Additional Disposal Capacity to address this need. Supplemental sediment testing has identified the presence of dredge material unsuitable for open water disposal within the remaining dredge areas. USACE and POLA have prepared a CSMP Addendum 2 which is included as Attachment No. 2, to address dredge material management, disposal site conditions, and construction monitoring/reporting requirements for this additional work.

ISSUES: On May 12, 2009 a meeting of the CSTF Advisory Committee was held to consider the CSMP Addendum 2. An agenda and figures were included as handouts to facilitate the meeting dialogue and are included as Attachment No. 3. Issues discussed include the following:

1. Is the meeting the final review of the CSMP? No, final design will be performed upon completion of the regulatory process. CSTF Advisory Committee representatives will be consulted to assure the commitments of the CSMP are included in project construction documents.
2. What water quality criteria will be used to monitor compliance during construction? The water quality monitoring criteria is included in the CSMP Addendum 2.

3. How will sediments from the rock dike keyway be isolated from re-exposure to the channel area? The contractor will be required to isolate the sediments through construction of a temporary berm which will contain these sediments.
4. Has beneficial use of dredge material been included in the Proposed Project? Yes, the FSEIS/SEIR identifies the Proposed Project as the plan which best meets the project objective of maximizing beneficial use of dredge material.

CONCLUSION/CONCURRENCE: Based on the above, we hereby concur with implementation of the Proposed Project identified in the FSEIS/SEIR and the CSMP Addendum 2.

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